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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL ENERGY FORUM ON FY 2008 "PARIHA" STATE
REPROGRAMMING OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE IO&P ACCOUNT

REF: STATE 86826

¶1. Embassy delivered reftel action message September 12 to
International Energy Forum (IEF) Secretary General Noe van Hulst.
We received the following response from the IEF SyG on September 14.
Begin text:

In response to your letter of September 12, 2009, I can provide you
with the following information:

¶1. Our estimated expenditures in the calendar year 2009 for Iran,
Cuba, Burma, North Korea, Syria, and the PLO, or entities associated
with the PLO are \$ 0 (zero). The IEF's expenditures only concern
staff salaries and benefits, the office building in Riyadh, IT
etcetera as well as activities like Symposia and Conferences none of
which are taking place in the countries mentioned above in 2009.

¶2. The requested U.S. percentage share of total voluntary
contributions to the IEF for calendar year 2009 is 14.78%. This is
calculated as follows: the sum of the requested regular U.S.
contribution for the annual budget 2009 of \$469,000 (=11.72% of
\$4,000,000) plus the requested special U.S. contribution for the
budget of the expert group of \$241,089 (=29.95% of \$805,000). The
\$50,000 mentioned in your letter of September 12, 2009, represents
approximately 1% of the annual budget plus the expert group budget.

Payment to be kindly made in U.S. Dollars to:

The International Energy Forum Secretariat
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Swift: ARNBSARI
Arab National Bank
Akariah Branch
P.O. Box 53055
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Yours Sincerely,
[signed]
Noe van Hulst
Secretary General

End text.

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